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SUBJECT: LTP – NRCS SIGNATURE AUTHORITY FOR WETLAND RESERVE PROGRAM (WRP) CONTRACTS

<u>**Purpose**</u>. To provide guidance to NRCS Oregon employees on proper signature authority for Wetland Reserve Program (WRP) applications and contracts.

Expiration Date. September 30, 2010.

WRP is a more restrictive program than other Farm Bill programs contracts. Documents relating to the application and contracting for WRP (NRCS-CPA-1154, 1155 and 1156) will ONLY be signed by the State Conservationist or Leader – Programs (ASTC-Programs). This also pertains to cooperative agreements funded with WRP funds.

WRP leads in the field should review contracts and modifications but NOT sign the NRCS-CPA-1154, NRCS-CPA-1155 or NRCS-CPA-1156. WRP leads should also review and sign (Block 14) the AD-1161 indicating technical and cost accuracy. Certification (Block 15) of payment will occur in the State Office in FNM.

If you have any questions relating to the ability to sign documents relating to WRP, please call Louise Davis, Program Specialist at (503) 414-3230.

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